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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Anne K. Quinlan Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket No. 35110

Florida Department of Transportation -- Acquisition Exemption -- Certain Assets of CSX Transportation, Inc.

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

By decision served June 19, 2009 in the above-captioned proceeding, the Board granted the request of the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") to hold this proceeding in abeyance until August 7, 2009 to give FDOT time to review the implications on the proposed transaction given that the Florida legislation contemplated for the proposed transaction was not passed.

FDOT respectfully requests that the Board continue to hold this proceeding in abeyance until December 31, 2009. Since FDOT's last request, CSXT has agreed to extend the date after which its contracts with FDOT may be terminated from June 30, 2009 to December 31, 2009. FDOT continues to evaluate its options with respect to the proposed project, which continues to receive strong local support. Further abeyance of this proceeding should not prejudice any party, and would make it unnecessary to resubmit at a later date the extensive pleadings already filed in this matter.

FDOT will advise the Board of its intentions by December 31, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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